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SUBJECT: INCREASE IN JAPANESE TOURISM TO US.

REF: STATE 002652, TOKYO 0200, TOKYO 0378

SUMMARY: NIV ISSUANCE JANUARY AT OSAKA-KOBE SHOWS CONTINUED INCREASE JAPANESE TOURISM TO US BUT WITH DEFINITE TREND AWAY FROM GUAM.

1. IN THE FIRST FLUSH OF ENERGY CRISIS THERE WAS A DROP IN TOURISM TO U.S. CAUSED MORE BY TOURIST UNCERTAINTY THAN ANYTHING ELSE, ACCORDING TO AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVES AND TRAVEL AGENTS HERE. DECEMBER 1973 WAS THE FIRST MONTH SINCE SEPTEMBER 1968 THAT OSAKA-KOBE'S NIV ISSUANCE DID NOT SHOW ANY INCREASE OVER THE SAME MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR. HOWEVER, IN JANUARY 1974 WE VISAED 15,479 VISITORS AGAINST 12,239 IN JANUARY 1973. THIS INCREASE IS MUCH GREATER THAN THE OVERALL INCREASE OF 9 PERCENT IN NUMBER OF JAPANESE GOING ABROAD IN 1974 WHICH HAS BEEN SEEN IN JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FORECASTS.

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2. HOWEVER, AS NOTED IN OSAKA-KOBE A-1 OF JANUARY 10, 1974.  
THE PROPORTION OF JAPANESE TRAVELERS GOING TO GUAM HAS BEEN  
DECLINING STEADILY FROM A HIGH OF 60 PERCENT IN 1971 TO ABOUT  
16 PERCENT IN JANUARY 1974. CONVERSELY, HAWAII, WHICH TOOK  
ONLY 20 PERCENT OF VISITORS VISAED HERE IN 1971, NOW TAKES OVER  
60 PERCENT.

3. PAN-AMERICAN DROPPED ITS OSAKA STOP FOR GUAM FLIGHTS DECEMBER  
22, 1973 BUT LOCAL MANAGER SAYS THIS HAS HAD MINIMAL PART IN  
OVERALL FALLAOUT IN GUAM VISITORS.

4. TRAVEL BUSINESS SOURCES AND AIRLINES ANTICIPATE NO SERIOUS  
IMPACT ON U.S. TRAVEL FROM TIGHTENED CONTROLS ON TOURISM  
EXPENDITURE, BUT THEY DO SEE SOME SHIFT OF TRAVELERS AWAY FROM  
U.S. TO EUROPE BECAUSE OF RELATIVELY HIGHER PACIFIC FARE  
STRUCTURE AND BECAUSE OF ATTRACTIVE GROUP TOURS BEING OFFERED  
EUROPE BOUND TRAVELERS.  
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